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Westminster, December 2.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, the Honourable Sir Henry Bellenden, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I Have called you together in a Conjuncture, which highly requires the Deliberation, Advice, and Assistance of Parliament; and I trust, that (under the Guidance of Divine Providence) Union and Firmness in My affectionate People will carry Me, with Honour, through all Difficulties; and finally vindicate the Dignity of My Crown, and its indubitable Rights, against the ancient Enemy of these Kingdoms.

The Succour and Preservation of America cannot but constitute a main Object of My Attention and Solicitude; and the growing Dangers, to which Our Colonies may stand exposed, from Our late Losses in those Parts, demand Resolutions of Vigour and Dispatch.

An adequate and first Defence at Home must have the chief Place in my Thoughts; and in this great View, I have nothing so much at Heart, as that no Ground of Dissatisfaction may remain in My People.

To this End, a National Militia, planned and regulated with equal Regard to the just Rights of My Crown and People, may, in Time, become one good Resource, in Case of general Danger; and I recommend the Framing of such a Militia to the Care and Diligence of My Parliament.

The unnatural Union of Councils Abroad; the Calamities, which, in Consequence of this unhappy Conjunction, may, by Irruptions of Foreign Armies into the Empire, shake its Constitutions, overturn its System, and threaten Oppression to the Protestant Interest there, are Events, which must sensibly affect the Minds of this Nation, and have fixed the Eyes of Europe on this new and dangerous Crisis.

The Body of My Electoral Troops, which I ordered hither at the Desire of My Parliament, I have directed to return to My Dominions in Germany, relying, with Pleasure, on the Spirit and Zeal of my People, in Defence of My Person and Realm.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I will order the proper Estimates to be laid, in due Time, before you; and I rely on your Wisdom, that you will prefer more vigorous Efforts (tho' attended with large Expence) to a less effectual, and therefore less frugal, Plan of War.

I have placed before you the Dangers and Necessities of the Publick; it will be your Care to lay, in such a Manner, the Burdens you may judge unavoidable, as will least distress and exhaust My People.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I cannot here be unmindful of the Sufferings of the poorer Sort, from the present high Price of Corn, and the Disturbances which have arisen therefrom; and I recommend to you to consider of proper Provisions, for preventing the like Mischiefs hereafter.

Unprosperous Events of War in the Mediterranean have drawn from My Subjects signal Proofs, how dearly they tender My Honour, and that of My Crown; and they cannot, on My Part, fail to meet with just Returns of unwearied Care, and unceasing Endeavours, for the Glory, Prosperity, and Happiness of My People.

AT

[Price Four-Pence.]

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 4th Day of *December*, 1756.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

IT is this Day Ordered by His Majeſty in Council, That an Embargo be forthwith laid upon all Ships laden, or to be laden, in the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, with Corn, Malt, Meal, Flour, Bread, Biſcuit, and Starch, to be exported to Foreign Parts, purſuant to an Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons preſented to His Majeſty for that Purpoſe. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and the Lord Lieutenant of His Majeſty's Kingdom of Ireland, are to give the neceſſary Directions herein, as to them may reſpectively appertain.

W. Sharpe.

St. James's, December 4.

The King has this Day been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honourable William Pitt, Eſq; to be one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Fox, Eſq;.

Dreſden, November 14. Her Majeſty the Queen of Poland and the Royal Family here are in good Health. Eight or Ten Thouſand of the Pruſſian Troops, including his Pruſſian Majeſty's Life-Guards of three Batallions, are quartered in this City and the neighbouring Villages. The Reſt of the Army is quartered ſo as to form a Line towards the Frontiers of Bohemia. Lodgings are preparing here for the Reception of his Pruſſian Majeſty, who is to reſide in the Houſe of the Miniſter Count Bruhl, for which Purpoſe all the Furniture belonging to the latter is removed, and the Rooms are all hung with his Majeſty's own Tapeſtry. The Price of Proviſions augments daily, eſpecially Corn, which is riſen very conſiderably; a Meaſure of which, it is believed, will ſoon come to ten Dollars. It would have been the ſame if the Pruſſians had not entered this Country, owing entirely to Monopoly, one ſingle Man having farmed all the Mills in Saxony, and the Bakers are all obliged to have their Corn ground at thoſe farmed Mills; and though they preſented three Memorials to his Poliſh Majeſty, complaining of the Exactions of the Farmer, yet no Regard was had to their Solicitations.

Dreſden, Nov. 21. On Sunday laſt the King of Pruſſia entered this City on Horſeback, accompanied by the Princes of his Houſe, and ſeveral General Officers, and followed by his Regiment of Life-Guards, and took his Reſidence at Count Bruhl's. His Pruſſian Majeſty rides out every Day, and is continually ſurrounded by a Crowd of Saxon People. His Majeſty has already examined the Fortifications of this Town, as well as the Proviſions and Ammunition with which it is ſtored. Field Marſhal Brown remains as yet with a Body of Troops under his Orders in the Upper Luſatia, two Miles on the other Side of Zittau; which Situation occaſions daily Skirmiſhes betwixt the two Armies.

Bruſſels, Nov. 26. As the Dutchy of Luxembourg cannot maintain, for any conſiderable Time, the Troops that are there at preſent, they have received Orders to move forward directly, and to Morrow they are to begin their March, in five Columns, towards the Rhine, which they are to croſs at Spire and at Manheim, in their Way to Donawert, as it is ſtill given out.

Bruſſels, Nov. 30. We are informed from the Dutchy of Luxembourg, that the Troops were not to begin their March from thence till Yeſterday; and that General Count d'Arberg, who commands them in Chief, had received a Meſſenger from Vienna, with Orders to lead them toward Bohemia, by the Way of Spire and Nuremberg. They are to march in five Columns; but the Roads are grown ſo bad, by the immenſe Quantity of Snow that has fallen within theſe ten Days, and the Thaw that has ſince followed, that it is not expected they will be able to reach the Rhine before the laſt Day of December.

War-Office, Nov. 30, 1756.

WHereas it has been repreſented to the King, that there are at this Time ſeveral Deſerters from the different Corps in His Majeſty's Service; His Majeſty hoping, that ſuch Deſerters may be hereby induced to return to their Duty, and that this Inſtance of His Clemency will have a due Influence on their future Behaviour, is pleaſed to grant His moſt Gracious Pardon to all Deſerters from His Majeſty's Land Forces, who ſhall ſurrender themſelves on or before the laſt Day of January next to the reſpective Corps to which they belong; or who ſhall within the ſame Time ſurrender themſelves to any other Corps in His Majeſty's Service, to the Intent, they may either be ſent to their proper Corps, or ſerve in any other, according as His Majeſty may be pleaſed to direct; this Pardon not to extend to any Perſons now in actual Cuſtody for their Deſertion, nor to ſuch, who may at any Time before the ſaid laſt Day of January next, be apprehended or challenged as Deſerters, unleſs upon their being ſo apprehended or challenged, they do immediately make known the Corps from which they have deſerted.

And whereas ſeveral of the ſaid Deſerters may have inliſted in other Corps, and be now ſerving therein, His Majeſty is likewiſe graciouſly pleaſed to grant His Pardon to all ſuch Offenders, (not being in actual Cuſtody for the ſame) and alſo to declare, It is His Royal Intention, that they ſhall continue to ſerve in the Corps in which they now are, without being moleſted or reclaimed by the Officers of the reſpective Corps to which they did formerly belong.

By His Majeſty's Command,
BARRINGTON.

War-Office, Dec. 2, 1756.

The Right Honourable Lord Viſcount Barrington, His Majeſty's Secretary at War, has appointed Thomas Tyrwhitt, Eſq; to be his Deputy, in the Room of Thomas Sherwin, Eſq; deceaſed.

Admiralty-Office, November 30, 1756.

PUrſuant to an Act of Parliament paſſed in the 26th Year of His Majeſty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information hath been ſent to this Office, That the Ship called the Race Horſe Brigantine, of Exeter, John Ford, Maſter, himſelf, Rebecca Hillman Widow, and David Hillman, Owners, Burthen 110 Tons, laden with Wines, and bound from Malaga in Spain, to Plymouth, Exeter, Portſmouth and Southampton, came to an Anchor in Plymouth Sound the 16th Inſtant; but the Wind blowing very hard, ſhe ſoon after run upon the Rocks near a Place called Mount Batten, where ſhe was bilged and loſt, and great Part of the Cargo is ſaved and ſecured in proper Warehouſes.

J. Clevland.

December 4, 1756.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thurſday next the 9th Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, being one of the Quarterly General Courts appointed by their Charter.

Robert Lewin, *Secretary.*

Navy Office, Dec. 2, 1756.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, That there is in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the Navy, Money to pay off all Bills regiſter'd on the Courſe of the Navy, in the Month of June 1756, *in order that the Proprietors of, or ſuch Perſons as are legally empowered to receive the ſaid Bills, may bring them to this Office to be aſſigned for Payment accordingly.*

Victualling Office, Dec. 2, 1756.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That there is Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, to pay Intereſt and Non-Intereſt Bills, regiſter'd on the Courſe of the Victualling in the Month of June 1756, *in order that the Proprietors of, or ſuch Perſons as are legally impowered to receive the ſaid Bills, may bring them to this Office to be aſſigned for Payment.*

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, Dec. 3, 1756.

The Receiver General of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms gives Notice, that he will be ready, on the 13th of December Inſtant, and the Four following uſual Days of Payment, to pay all Out-Port Corn Debentures that ſhall then be due and payable, without Intereſt.

The ſaid Receiver General gives this further Notice, that in Caſe any of the ſaid Debentures ſhall remain unpaid for want of being tendered for Payment on one of the five Days above-mentioned, that no Intereſt will be paid thereon.

Free Britiſh Fiſhery Office, Royal Exchange, Dec. 1, 1756.

The Preſident, Vice Preſident, and Council, of the Society of the Free Britiſh Fiſhery, give Notice, That a General Court will be held at this Place on Saturday the 15th of next January, at Eleven in the Forenoon, to receive the Society's Accompts; and to conſider the State of the Fiſhery.

By Order of the General Court,
John Lockman, *Sec.*

South-Sea-Houſe, London, Dec. 3, 1756.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That the Transfer Books of New South-Sea Annuities First Subſcription *will be ſhut on Thurſday the 16th Inſtant at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thurſday the 27th of January next.*

That the Transfer Books of New South-Sea Annuities Second Subſcription *will be ſhut on Wedneſday the 15th Inſtant at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Wedneſday the 26th of January next.*

That the Transfer Books of 3 per Cent. Annuities 1751, *will be ſhut on Monday the 20th Inſtant at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thurſday the 20th of January next.*

That the Transfer Books of the Capital Stock *will be ſhut on Friday the 24th Inſtant at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Friday the 11th of February next.*

That the Warrants, for the Half Year's Intereſt due the 5th of January next, on the New South-Sea Annuities First and Second Subſcription, *will be paid on Wedneſday the 9th of February next; on which Day the Transfer Books of New South-Sea Annuities* Second Subſcription *will be ſhut.*

And that the Warrants for the Half Year's Dividend on the Capital Stock, alſo due the 5th of January next, will be paid on Saturday the 12th of February next; on which Day the Transfer Books of New South-Sea Annuities Second Subſcription will be ſhut.

Royal Exchange Aſſurance Office, Dec. 1, 1756.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Aſſurance Company do hereby give Notice, That their Transfer Books will be ſhut from Thurſday the 16th Inſtant to Thurſday the 13th of January next: And that the Annual General Court of the ſaid Company, appointed by their Charter, will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange on Wedneſday the 29th of December Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon; and that a Dividend will be conſidered of at the ſaid Court.

Advertiſements.

This Day is publiſhed,

Price Six pence,

AN Eaſy, Short, and Certain Method of Treating Perſons bit by MAD ANIMALS. By *Claude du Choiſel*, of the Society of Jeſus, Apothecary to the Miſſion of *Pondicherry* in the *Eaſt Indies*. Tranſlated from the French by a Phyſician.

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